



# Celebrate Black History Month

Established as Negro History Week in the 1920's by Carter G. Woodson, February was chosen for the celebration because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were born in this month. Extended to a month-long celebration in 1976, Black History Month is an opportunity to emphasize the history and achievements of African Americans.

From Education World

[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_special/black\\_history.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_special/black_history.shtml)

## Websites You May Want to Visit

InfoPlease

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhm1.html>

The Gale Group - Black History Month

[http://www.galegroup.com/free\\_resources/bhm/index.htm](http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/bhm/index.htm)

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**Books You May Want to Read** (Hint: go to the TEL Database, **What Do I Read Next** and choose to do a Custom Search. Under Subject, choose African Americans and then hit Search.)

**Harriet Tubman and Black history month** by Polly Carter; pictures by Brian Pinkney  
Examines the experiences of the runaway slave who risked her life to help others through the Underground Railroad.

**Thank you, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr!** by Eleanora E. Tate

The children of Gumbo Grove Elementary School discover the contributions of many famous African Americans during Black History Month.

**Kid's Guide to African American History** by Nancy I. Sanders

A chronological look at the history of African Americans from the pre-slavery days in Africa through today's celebration of Kwanzaa.

**100 African Americans Who Shaped American History (100 Series)** by Chrisanne Beckner



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## To Find More about African American History

In TEL, go to **Kids InfoBits** or **Junior Edition - K12** and use the following search strategies:

Black History Month    National Black History Month    Afro-Americans    African Americans

## Just for Fun

See how many famous African Americans you recognize. **Directions:** Circle the letter next to the answer that completes the sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was an escaped slave who worked to end slavery.
  - a. Benjamin Banneker
  - b. Frederick Douglass
  - c. W.E.B. Du Bois
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was an escaped slave who led many other slaves to freedom.
  - a. Harriet Tubman
  - b. Sojourner Truth
  - c. Phillis Wheatley
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was an inventor who helped agriculture in the South by figuring out over 300 things that the peanut could be used for.
  - a. George Washington Carver
  - b. Benjamin Banneker
  - c. Garret Morgan
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ won four medals at the 1936 Olympics.
  - a. Jesse Owens
  - b. Roy Campanella
  - c. Cassius Clay
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first African American to play on a Major League Baseball team.
  - a. Satchel Paige
  - b. Jackie Robinson
  - c. Willie Mays
  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was arrested when she wouldn't give up her seat on a bus to a white man.
  - a. Coretta Scott King
  - b. Ida Wells-Barnett
  - c. Rosa Parks
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ won the Nobel Peace prize in 1964 for fighting for civil rights using nonviolent methods.
  - a. Martin Luther King, Jr.
  - b. Ralph Bunche
  - c. Malcolm X